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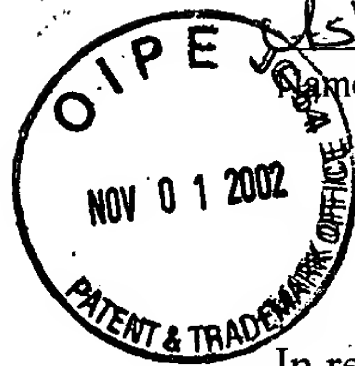
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CHEN, et al.

Application Number: 09/736,820

Group Art Unit: 1772

Filed: December 14, 2000

Examiner: RHEE, Jane J.

For: BONDING AGENTS FOR POLYMERIC PLANKS AND METHODS OF ADJOINING POLYMERIC PLANKS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 1, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before November 1, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects two terms in the claims under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. First, the Examiner rejects the term "laminate" in claim 23 as a relative term, which renders the claim indefinite. The Examiner believes that the identified term is not defined by the claim, and that the specification does not provide a standard for